

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC # 225-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

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TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and

Members of the City Commission

FROM:

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DATE:

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SUBJECT: FLOOD RELIEF AND HURRICANE TROPICAL STORM PARKING PROGRAMS

On September 12, 2012, the Mayor and Commission, at the request of Commissioner Weithorn, referred Item No. C4B entitled, "Discussion regarding review of hurricane season and seasonal flooding parking policies" to the Neighborhoods and Community Affairs Committee (NCAC). On September 24, 2012, the NCAC discussed the item and provided direction to the Administration to develop programs for each of these events. The following serves to provide the Mayor and Commission with an update regarding the development and implementation of the Flood Relief and Hurricane/Tropical Storm parking programs.

Flood Relief Parking Program

As you know, certain neighborhoods in the city experience localized seasonal flooding, predominantly due to high tides, weather events, or a combination thereof. The roadways and on-street parking in these areas may not be available under these conditions. To this end, municipal parking garages in the vicinity of these flood areas have been identified to provide temporary parking relief for those affected residents who wish participate. The City's Parking Department, with the assistance of the City's Public Works and IT (Information Technology) Departments developed a Flood Relief Parking Program for residents in flood prone areas of the City.

Flood prone areas were identified with the assistance of the Public Works Department. The frequency of flood events is categorized as frequent, occasional, or rare. All residents in areas categorized as frequent are included. Residents in areas categorized as occasional are included contingent upon recent flood events. It is important to note that, other areas or neighborhoods that develop flooding issues may be included in the program.

The Flood Relief Parking Program will launch on Monday, July 8, 2013. Notices will be mailed to all properties within the affected areas. The following is the protocol for the program:

 Bona fide participants (residents) shall receive five one-day parking vouchers at an assigned municipal parking garage in close proximity to their neighborhood.

- In order to participate, residents must:
 - ✓ Reside within the identified flood zone.
 - ✓ Register for the Flood Relief Parking Program on the City's website (developed by the City's IT Department) and complete an application.
- Participants will receive an email and a Reverse 911 Call notifying them of:
 - ✓ Potential flooding in their area.
 - ✓ Start of the activation of the flood alert and activation of parking vouchers.
 - ✓ Assignment of a municipal parking garage where vouchers are honored.
 - ✓ Participants must check the City's website daily for updates and/or time extensions for their parking vouchers.
- Vouchers are only valid when activated by the Parking Department during flood events in the identified zone(s).
- Government issued photo identification with a current address must be presented upon exit of the respective municipal parking garage.

It is our commitment to make every effort to provide timely notification to all residents participating in the Flood Relief Parking Program. However, weather events and flooding related to high tides are unpredictable events; therefore, we cannot guarantee timely notification to all affected residents. Additionally, we shall make every effort to provide one (1) parking space for each participant; however, parking spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The following are the boundaries for resident participation in each flood zone:

Flood Zone No. 1A: 5th to 10th Streets from Alton Road to West

Avenue

Flood Zone No. 1B: 13th to 14th Streets from Alton Road to street

end.

Flood Zone No. 2: Dade Blvd to 20th Street from Alton Road to

Purdy Ave.

• Flood Zone No. 3: 42nd to 47th Street from Royal Palm Ave to

Sheridan Ave.

Upon successful registration, participants will receive an informational package, including program details and instructions, parking vouchers, and their assigned municipal garage.

Hurricane/Tropical Storm Parking Program

The City's Parking Department shall provide parking at participating municipal parking garages throughout the City for resident wishing to safeguard their vehicle during a hurricane or tropical storm. Residents shall be notified through local media, City's Hotline (305.604.CITY); MB77 (local cable channel 77); and MB

Magazine. Municipal garages shall be available for this purpose upon the issuance of one of the following:

- Issuance of Tropical Storm Warning by National Weather Service/National Hurricane Center/ NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Issuance of Hurricane Warning by National Weather Service/National Hurricane Center/ NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Evacuation Order by Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center

Hurricane/Tropical Storm parking at municipal garages shall be honored from the issuance of one of the aforementioned triggers until such time that the City has sufficiently recovered from the event and returns to normal operations. Therefore, due to the severity and impact of each individual weather event, the determination to return to normal operations shall occur on a case by case basis.

If you should any further questions and/or inquiries regarding these programs, please contact Saul Frances, Parking Director at 305.673.7000, extension 6483.

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